THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) the Government of India stands by the Rajiv-Longowal Accord and is committed to implement the same. Out of the 11 items in the Accord 8 have been mostly implemented and for the 3 that remain, *viz*, (i) All-India Gurdwara Act, (ii) Territorial claims (*i.e.* Transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab), and (iii) Sharing of river waters, sincere efforts are continuing to arrive at commonly acceptable solutions, in consultation with all the concerned parties.

Awards announcement by various organisations

1710. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several organisations are announcing awards for distinguished persons in various walks of life;

(b) whether complaints have been received against such organisations who have been using the awards giving functions for illegal collection of funds; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) from time to time, reports do appear in the Press about private organisations conferring various kinds of Awards on distinguished persons. Essentially, these are matters between the private organisations and those who associate themselves with such organisations. They have no bearing on the functioning of the Government. Action is possible only when laws are violated and the manner of functioning of the private organisations is found to be prejudicial to the working of the Government.

Identity Cards of Voters

1711. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper effective steps are being taken to implement the Election Commission recommendations that Identity Cards be provided to every voter in the country by the year 1995; and

(b) whether Identity cards are being immediately provided to Indian citizens on country's borders to check particularly infilteration from Pakistan and Bangladesh with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) the Election Commission of India has been requested to reconsider its recommendation to provide Identity Cards to every voter in the country by the year 1995, keeping in view the enormous cost and practical difficulties involved in its implementation. However, the Government have decided to introduce a Scheme of Identity Cards in the border States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal and Bihar with a view to check infiltration from across the borders. The concerned State Governments have been requested to complete the ground work urgently so that distribution of Identity Cards may start immediately.

Issue of I Cards to Indian Citizens residing in some of the States

1712. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are actively considering a proposal to issue Identity Cards to Indian Citizens residing in some of the States?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS